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News and Events

[Direct Deposit in Datatel Colleague for Employees](#)

As part of the transition to Datatel Colleague and in an attempt to reduce the amount of time employees wait to receive their reimbursements (e.g. travel, conference expenses, etc.), GSU Financial Services is asking employees to update their personal banking information in the myGSU portal. Colleague allows users the flexibility to access and update their reimbursement banking information online.

View the [Direct Deposit in Datatel Colleague](#) FAQ and additional instructions.

[2-For-1 Thriller Tickets Available](#)

GSU's Center for the Performing Arts is offering a 2-for-1 deal for Saturday's performance of *Thriller, The Legend Continues*. Beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, and lasting until 7 p.m. Saturday, members of the GSU community can purchase 2-for-1 main floor platinum tickets, normally priced at \$54 each. The general public can take advantage of the 2-for-1 offer from 6 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

You can call the CPA box office at 708.235.2222 or visit in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to purchase 2-for-1 tickets.

In related news, the group performing *Thriller, The Legend Continues* will be on WGN-TV Friday morning between 8 to 9 a.m. Watch for exciting excerpts from the show and get your tickets for a memorable production.

[Volunteers Needed for Instant Admission Day](#)

GSU's fall Instant Admission Day (formerly known as the Instant Decision Day/Undergraduate Open House) is just around the corner -- and volunteers are needed to make it a success. The event takes place Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

"Your participation as a volunteer is critical to the success of this recruitment endeavor," said Sharon Evans, Director of Admission and Student Recruitment. "By ensuring a university-wide support, we can guarantee the continued recruitment efforts needed to meet the university's enrollment goals."

Here's how you can lend a hand:

- Faculty members and advisors are needed to talk to prospective students concerning specific programs.
- Volunteers are needed to greet or give tours and escort prospective students to different parts of the building.
- Representatives are needed from Student Affairs and Services to staff their tables and pass out materials.

Contact [Sharon Evans](#) at ext. 3148 for more information or to confirm your participation.

Intellectual Life Grants Offered Again

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants to staff, faculty, and enrolled students who have a faculty collaborator.

Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 17 and May 4, 2012 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although they should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection Criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented,
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Strategies for promoting the event,
- Completion of the event within Spring 2012 Semester, and
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding.

Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submissions are due October 26. Download and complete the [application form](#) and submit it to Lydia Morrow Ruetten. Award winners will be notified by November 9.

For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#).

Mental Health Week

In conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center is sponsoring offering information sessions and confidential depression screening at a series of events that are free and open to the public.

Activities during the week include *Fight or Flight*, a workshop on stress management, on October 3, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Achieving inner wellness is the topic of *Revealing Me to Me*, a presentation on October 4, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Discovering Self, on October 5, investigates self-empowerment from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

On October 6, information on depression and related concerns will be available from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Confidential depression screening will be offered in the Academic Resource Center (ARC), adjacent to the Hall of Governors. Depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional.

Questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

Teacher Certification Program Information

Learn how to earn elementary or middle school teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University's Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at Governors State University offers three ways to earn certification and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a master's degree in education and teacher certification. TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Alternative Certification Program also offers the opportunity for teachers to teach full-time as they earn a salary and their teacher certification. In addition, there are reduced paid resident opportunities, which also lead to teacher certification.

This program is open to college graduates with five years work experience after receiving a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2012, is December 15, 2011.

For more information, contact [Eileen Lally](#) at ext. 4399.

Student Exhibition – Veronica Cook



Essence of Us...Beyond Human Consciousness, an exhibition of artwork by graduate student Veronica Cook, will be on display at the Visual Arts Gallery. The exhibit runs through October 5 with an opening reception on Monday, October 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Cook uses the world of reality blended with abstract brushwork to portray images of overlapping dreams and emotions in her work with photographic composites and collages. Her works are depictions of blended and imbedded human activity in constantly changing traditional and popular culture.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4021 or visit the [Visual Arts Gallery website](#).

A.L.A.S. Activities

The Association of Latin American Students is celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with good food, music, and dance.

Authentic tacos will be sold on October 4, from 11:30 to 5 p.m. – or while supplies last. Don't forget to visit the Hall of Governors for the perfect anytime hunger-reliever. Proceeds support A.L.A.S. scholarships.

On October 12, A.L.A.S. is sponsoring two events. During the Taste of Latin America, samples of Latin American dishes will be available. There is no cost, but donations will be gratefully accepted. At 7 p.m., everyone is invited to enjoy a Capoeira demonstration in the Hall of Governors. Capoeira is a Brazilian art form, developed by African slaves, that combines elements of martial arts, sports, dance, and music. Lessons will be given. Everyone is invited to participate. There is no charge.

Seminars Highlight Grants, Intellectual Property

CenterPoint is hosting two valuable, informative seminars on Wednesday, October 12 -- *Intellectual Property Strategies* and *SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs*.

The two seminars, which are free and open to the public, are part of Business Accelerator Week, during which CenterPoint and other small business development centers are focusing on strategies that expand economic opportunities throughout Illinois.

During *Intellectual Property Strategies*, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in Engbretson Hall, speaker Nancy K. DuCharme, an intellectual property attorney, will discuss how to protect and make money from ideas and breakthroughs. DuCharme will explain the hows and whys of the four protective categories for intellectual properties. Participants will learn the steps to take to protect their intellectual property.

SBIR/STTR Grants for Researchers and Entrepreneurs takes place from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Dr. Mike Skreiner will explain how to strategize and develop compelling proposals for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants. The seminar will show participants how to uncover agency missions and R & D needs, and differences in SBIR/STTR programs so they can successfully apply for individual awards as high as \$1.15 million from 11 federal agencies.

For more information, contact [Don Brozek](#) at 708.235.7635.

GSU Students Attend International Conference

Thirty GSU students last week attended the Road Map 2011 conference in New York City organized by the Federation of Balkan American Association (FEBA) in partnership with the American Southeast Europe Chamber of Commerce (AmSECC).

Stevco Nikolov, AmSECC Board Member and Trade Specialist at the Illinois International Trade Center at CenterPoint at GSU, organized the trip. Students had an opportunity to listen to and meet leaders of countries extending from the Balkans to Turkey, as well as other American and international students.



GSU was honored at the conference. Nikolov, on behalf of the university, accepted an award acknowledging the university's ongoing and continued support of these conferences. All attendees were awarded certificates of participation.

FEBA provided free transportation and lodging to conference attendees. Road Map 2011, one of a series of annual United Nations events, was attended by business representatives and international government delegations from the Balkan region and the United States, and more than 2,000 students.

Did you Know...?

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is recognizing important achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

***Antonia C. Novello*, Doctor, Former United States Surgeon General**

In 1990, Antonia Novello became the first Hispanic person — and first woman — to be appointed as Surgeon General, the chief doctor in the United States. As a child, she had a chronic illness that hurt her digestion, causing her great suffering. She never forgot that experience. As surgeon general, Novello campaigned for better care for children. She also paid special attention to the problems of alcoholism, smoking, AIDS, and violence.

Scholarship Spotlight - Danyale Lucado



Danyale Lucado of Matteson received the Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Danyale is an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences studying Multimedia Communications.

Danyale's goal is to complete her degree, thereby setting a good example to her children. After graduation, Danyale intends to pursue a master's degree.

Art Conversation, Demonstration, and Exhibition

Creativity often goes hand in hand with instruction. In a special series of exhibitions, GSU is sharing art and art instruction with members of the community interested in learning the intricacies, methods, and some of the secrets of artistic creativity.

The series begins with "Ways of Making: Work on Paper" on Wednesday, October 19. The event begins with an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by an Artist Talk beginning at 7 p.m. The exhibit runs from October 17 through November 11, at the GSU Visual Arts Gallery.

Four artists who create primary and significant work using paper will exhibit their work and participate in the talk. Michelle Grabner is an accomplished, exhibiting artist and professor and department chair at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Zach Mory has exhibited throughout the Midwest and taught courses at Wisconsin at UW-Madison, Carthage College, Lawrence University and Ripon College. Allison Svoboda teaches at Lill Street Art Center and works in her studio in Chicago. Matthew Woodward is an accomplished working artist with degrees from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the New York Academy of Art.

The exhibit was curated by guest curator Elizabeth Whiting, Curator of the Chicago Union League Club's nearly-800 piece collection, and GSU's gallery director Jeff Stevenson.

This event was made possible by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

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Prior Learning = College Credit

Students can assess their prior learning, learn how it can be applied to a college portfolio, and how it can lead to college credit at a seminar hosted by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences. The Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar takes place Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room D1496.

The seminar will help students:

- Identify learning that may be equivalent to college-level work.
- Link this learning to comparable college courses.
- Document their learning.
- Compile their materials in the proper format to submit a portfolio to GSU.

To register, e-mail idss@govst.edu or contact Tiffini Malvin at 708.534.4092. There is a \$50 registration fee for the seminar, which covers the cost of materials and refreshments.



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